

REMARKS

In the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121) dated March 4, 2009, the Examiner specified that the Amendment dated December 5, 2008 was not in compliance because the amendment to the specification which had attempted to amend the specification by paragraph number, has not been provided with the proper status identifier in that there aren't any paragraphs numbered in the application, as filed on November 16, 2005.

Applicants acknowledge that the December 5, 2008 Amendment was not in compliance and respectfully requests acceptance of the corrected amendments to the specification appearing on pages 2-5 of the present response.

The Notice of Non-Compliance Amendment noted that the Applicants' December 5, 2008 Amendment presenting an Abstract was also not in compliance. Applicants have accordingly amended the Abstract and solicit the Examiner's approval.

Respectfully submitted,

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